

*Gagetown School*

*PARENT PAGE*

“Soar with the Eagles”

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**MADD Presentation at Cambridge Narrows**

On Friday, November 25th, the grade 7 and 8 students were invited to attend the MADD presentation at Cambridge Narrows. The MADD Canada’s *School Assembly Program* is an all Canadian production shown on a large HD screen that is presented in schools across Canada! The school assembly program was an on-screen fictional re-enactment of the trauma that can result when someone makes the choice to take drugs or alcohol and get behind the wheel. The presentation included interviews with people who have lost a loved one(s) as a result of impaired driving. Innocent people are killed.

Key messages included:

* Peer pressure
* Dangers of binge drinking
* Realities about impairment caused by smoking marijuana
* Mixing marijuana and alcohol
* Accepting rides from alcohol or drug impaired drivers
* Importance of planning ahead
* The real life changing consequences of one wrong decision
* Student empowerment

**GO GO Gymnastics**

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All students participated in Sports Day at Gagetown School on Thursday, November 28th. Go Go Gymnastics set up various stations so that students could learn more about the sport and test their natural “gymnastics abilities”. Thank you to Renee and Lorna for facilitating the Sports Day at Gagetown School.

 

**National Sport Jersey Day**

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All students and teachers were encouraged to wear their favourite team jersey to help celebrate Canada’s Sports Week on Friday, November 29th. The names of the students and teachers wearing their favourite sport jersey was placed in a draw and prizes were given to the names drawn. Thank you to all of you who showed your passion for Sports Week in Canada!

**Holiday Ornaments**

Gagetown Students have once again created wonderful ornaments for the Christmas tree for the Legislature. Thank you to all the teachers and students who participated in this festive event. Also thank you to MLA for Grand Lake – Gagetown, Ross Wetmore for facilitating the activity.



**Literacy Tips**

**Home Reading Strategy Tip:**

When selecting a book use the *Five Finger Rule*:

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1. Hold up you hand.

2. Start to read the book, each time you come to a word you do not know, put a finger down.

3. If all fingers go down after reading a page (about 100 words) then this book is too difficult. Try another book.

4. If some fingers remain up after reading a page (about 100 words), then this text is okay. Read on!

Why am I doing this? So I can find books for practicing at my ***independent level*** of reading and be able:

* to remember more words,
* to read more smoothly,
* to read faster,
* to read with expression.

Thank you to Lusinda Frost and Shyanne McWilliams EST-L for Gagetown, for sharing these Literacy Tips!

**Healthy Active Living Tips**

Adding physical activity to your day

Put that “pep in your step” by adding physical activity to your daily lifestyle. Set a daily goal to slowly start increasing your physical activity to meet the new physical activity recommendations.

“*Physical activity doesn’t mean only sports – it can include everyday things like walking the dog, planting a garden, playing tag, building a snowman, tobogganing, and even household chores like raking the leaves, or sweeping the garage.”* [www.publichealth.gc.ca](http://www.publichealth.gc.ca)

For tips and information to help build physical activity into a healthy lifestyle, consult the Public Health Agency of Canada site at: [www.publichealth.gc.ca](http://www.publichealth.gc.ca).

**Home and School**

We had a very successful Christmas in the Village at the Legion! The Grade 7/8 Canteen, raised almost $1500 towards offsetting the cost of their trip to Quebec City in May - which puts us well on our way to our goal of raising half the cost of the trip for our students to ensure everyone who wants to can go! Thanks to those of you who stopped for a visit! We also sold the last of our 250 wildly successful "Farm Fresh" calendars, and kicked off our Christmas in a Basket Raffle...It was a great weekend for Home and School.   
So far this year, your Home and School Association has used its funds to pay for the visiting author Krista Johansen, purchase new library furniture (on order, wait for the unveiling in 2014), offset the cost of the Middle School Lock-In at the base, celebrate Halloween, help sponsor Go Go Gymnastics, and provide seed money for the Cooking Club! Phew! Not too shabby for 2-1/2 months! Gagetown Home and School would like to do a big SHOUT OUT to some amazing people who volunteered at the Gagetown Christmas in the Village.  The next Home and School Meeting will be Wednesday, December 11that 6pm. As always, childcare will be provided.



**Christmas in A Basket Ticket Request**

Student’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Number of books required: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please detach and return to the school with your son or daughter. Thank you.*

Upcoming Dates - Mark Your Calendars

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| December 2th | Pizza Day |
| December 4th | Noodle Day |
| December 5th | Grill Cheese Sandwich Day |
| December 6th | Wizard of Oz at OHS |
| December 9th | Pizza Day |
| December 11th | Staff & Student Christmas Dinner at the Legion |
| December 12 | Grill Cheese Sandwich Day |
| December 17th | Christmas Concert 6:30 pm |
| December 16th | Pizza Day |
| December 19th | Jingle Bell Hop  Melted Snowman Smoothies |
| December 20th | Last Day of Classes |
| January 6th | First Day Back to School |
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**Christmas Basket Raffle**

It's time once again for Gagetown's most popular raffle! It's the 7th annual "Christmas in a Basket" - everything you need for Christmas from the turkey to the tree! All items are donated by generous local businesses as well as very talented local artisans, gardeners, and cooks! The value of the contents easily exceeds $1000! This raffle is Home and School's major fundraiser for the year, and proceeds go towards funding school trips, activities, and supplies! Tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5. The draw will be held during the Christmas concert. Please indicate on the form below how many books of 3 tickets you would like to sell to friends and family members, and return to your child's classroom teacher. The tickets will then be sent home with your child. Thank you so much for your support!

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